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Dear Governor Brown:

I am very concerned by deportation. The US immigration system is a mess and leaves the appalling decision to deport someone at the whim of federal officials. This has been a serious hardship for immigrant communities for decades, but over the past seven months and particularly the past week things have become much worse. It is also a problem which affects California disproportionately. Besides the extraordinary immorality of arbitrary deportation with its uprooting of lives and tearing apart relationships, friendships and workplaces there is the economic idiocy of such policies, removing our most productive people and age groups. Finally sowing fear throughout our communities weakens social institutions with people afraid to report crimes or join civic groups. What is needed is for everyone living here to buy into society with the same voting and working rights as everyone else.

Please assure me that you will back SB 54.

I am very proud to be a California resident and a large part of that derives from our history of effective progressive policies.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson